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In re Patent Application of:

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Entitled: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MANUFACTURING ARTICLE WITH
INTEGRALLY FORMED HOOKS WITH
SHEAR AT HOOK BEARING SURFACE**

on April 14, 2008
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed March 26, 2008, this paper is identical to the Amendment filed on February 27, 2008, except that the text of the cancelled claims has been deleted.

This response is made to the Office Action of February 6, 2008, which was based on the Request for continuing Examination and Amendment filed November 26, 2007. Claims 8, 16 and 17 are amended herein. The claims are reproduced beginning at page 3 hereof. The remarks begin at page 7 hereof.